

September 8, 2017

## **VIA ECFS**

Ms. Marlene Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 00-257: Notification of Transfer of Subscribers to The Ottoville

Mutual Telephone Company Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §64.1120

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §64.1120(e), The Ottoville Mutual Telephone Company ("Ottoville"), by its consultant, respectfully notifies the Commission that Ottoville intends to acquire a portion of the customer base of Bright Long Distance, Ltd. ("BLD").

BLD currently provides domestic resale long distance services to the affected subscribers on a retail basis. Ottoville will provide the same services to these subscribers. BLD shall transfer a portion of its customer base to Ottoville on or around October 8, 2017, or as soon thereafter as possible once the necessary regulatory approvals are obtained.

Attached is Ottoville's compliance certification as Attachment A. A copy of the customer notice (Ottoville newsletter) appears as an attachment thereto. Portions of the newsletter that were not pertinent to the notice have been removed.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Jordan

Consultant to The Ottoville Mutual Telephone Company

Attachments

## **ATTACHMENT A**

## CERTIFICATION

On behalf of The Ottoville Mutual Telephone Company ("Ottoville") and in accordance with section 64.1120 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §64.1120, I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing notification and the statements contained therein are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that, with respect to the transfer of a portion of the customer base of Bright Long Distance, Ltd. to Ottoville, Ottoville has complied with the Commission's requirements to provide advance customer notice in accordance with section 64.1120(e)(3), with the obligations specified in that notice, and with other statutory and Commission requirements that apply to this streamlined process.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Bio Hongford Title: General Manager

The Ottoville Mutual Telephone Company

Date: September 8, 2017



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## **Notice of Long Distance Carrier Change**

July 14, 2017

Dear Bright Long Distance Customer:

Great news for your long distance service! Your current long distance company, Bright Long Distance LTD ("BLD") has entered into an arrangement so that The Ottoville Mutual Telephone Company can acquire certain business holdings. As a result, Ottoville Tel Long Distance ("OTLD"), a division of The Ottoville Mutual Telephone Company, will automatically become your new domestic (US) long distance telecommunication service provider after September 1, 2017. (The specific date of the transfer may differ depending upon when we receive the applicable regulatory approvals.)

Please rest assured that the transaction will not affect the service you currently receive. You will continue to receive services with the same rates, features, terms and conditions as you currently enjoy. Billing will continue to be provided by Ottoville Mutual Telephone Company, just as it has been. In the event that changes are made to your service, you will be notified by separate mailing or bill insert at least thirty (30) days prior to the changes becoming effective.

BLD will continue to provide your international long distance service and Ottoville Mutual Telephone Company will continue to act as their agent for billing and collection as well as customer service.

You will not be responsible for any charges associated with the transfer of your long distance account to OTLD. All charges associated with the transfer to OTLD will be borne by OTLD. Although you have the right to select the long distance carrier of your choice, we value your business and hope that OTLD may continue to serve you. If you should choose another long distance provider you will need to contact that carrier directly to arrange for the change prior to the transfer of your services to OTLD. It can take time for a new long distance carrier to make the switch and you may also incur service initiation fees from that provider such as service order, installation and other similar charges associated with establishing a new service account.

If you currently have a preferred carrier freeze on your account you will still be automatically transferred to OTLD on the effective date unless you have selected another long distance carrier before the effective date. Existing freezes on the service involved in the transfer will be lifted. To arrange a new freeze, you must contact your local service provider.

Ottoville Mutual Telephone Company will be responsible for responding to any customer inquiries or complaints prior to and during the transfer of service from BLD to OTLD. Our toll free customer service number is 888-687-0998 (or 419-453-3324), which will remain the same after your services are transferred.

You can trust that you will be provided with the same quality domestic long distance service to which you have grown accustomed with BLD. We welcome you to OTLD and look forward to meeting all your long distance communication needs.